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MEMORANDUM

TO: Financial Aid Directors at Florida Postsecondary Institutions Participating in State Scholarship and Grant Programs

FROM: Theresa Antworth
Director, State Scholarship and Grant Programs

DATE: July 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Additional Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Guidance for 2011-12 Disbursement Eligibility Reporting

Disbursement Eligibility Reports (DERs) will be open for your institution to submit student disbursement data after the last day of drop/add, as reported on your 2011-12 Renewal Institutional Eligibility Application.

As mentioned in the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) 2011-12 Disbursement Eligibility Report (DER) Information memorandum dated May 23, 2011 (see attached),

...the **DER file naming convention remains the same and the DER file length will not change.**

However, there will be two new edits on **Field Sequence(s) #26-30** (E48 – Incomplete ISIR for BF, FRAG, or ABLE, and/or E49 – No ISIR for BF, FRAG, or ABLE). The institution may also use a new Override Code, O14, to override with a different ISIR Transaction # on file at the institution.

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

Students are still required to meet residency requirements provided in [Section 1009.21](#), Florida Statutes, and State Board of Education Rules [6A-20.003](#) and [6A-10.044](#).

A list of eligible Visa categories is available in the *Guidelines for Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes*, developed by the Articulation Coordinating Committee and provided on the www.FACTS.org website. Select “Paying for College” and then “Residency Guidelines.”

Students may meet academic eligibility requirements for Bright Futures based on achievement in high school; however, they may not receive funding if they are not Florida residents or eligible non-citizens.

*****NEW*****

For students who are unable to file the FAFSA due to no SSN or whose attempt to file a hardcopy FAFSA using zeros in the SSN field did not produce a complete and error-free SAR/ISIR, **institutions, after verifying such student's Florida residency or eligible non-citizenship, may certify the student as eligible to OSFA using the below override code:**

- **Override Code O22, FAFSA Override**

Should you have additional questions, please feel free to call us toll-free at 1-888-827-2004.

Attachment

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